

Practical Strategies to Support a Structured Approach to Literacy

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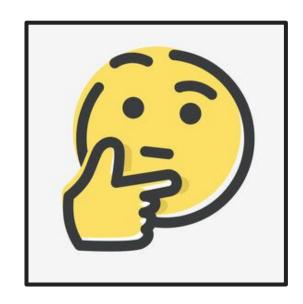






Whakawhanaungatanga

Literacy is ...







The purpose of this workshop is to share practical strategies to support a structured approach to literacy. We will share a brief overview of literacy research and the practical application of activities to support ākonga in the classroom.







What Makes the English Language Complex?

English is the most complex alphabetic code.

We must know the intimate details of the language we are teaching in order for neural pathways to be built.

The English language has...

- __ letters
- sounds Can you list one letter combination for each of the sounds?
- __ spellings of those sounds



What Makes the English Language Complex?

English is the most complex alphabetic code.

The English language has...

- 26 letters
- 44 sounds Can you list one letter combination for each of them? a-e, a, b, c, d, e, ee, g, h, i, igh, f, j, l, m, n, o, oa, p, qu, r, s, t, u, ue/oo, oo (book), v, w, x, y, z, sh, ch, th (hard that, soft thin), aw, ar, er, ng, ou, oi, th, air, zh.
- 264 spellings of those sounds



Language comprehension

Ability in oral language

Decoding

Knowledge of print



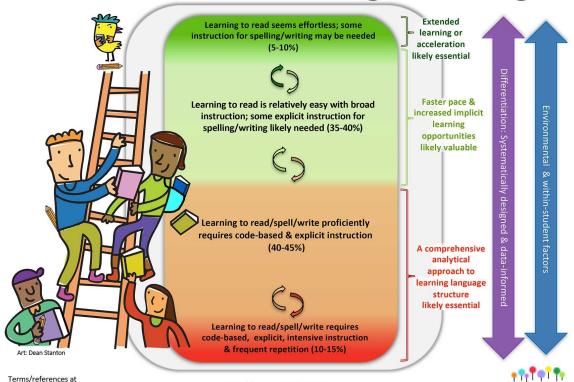


SCARBOROUGH'S LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION **BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE READING ROPE** (facts, concepts, etc.) VOCABULARY (breadth, precision, links, etc.) LANGUAGE STRUCTURE (syntax, semantics, etc.) NCREASINGLY STRATEGIC VERBAL REASONING (inference, metaphor, etc.) LITERACY KNOWLEDGE SKILLED (print concepts, genres, etc.) READING THE MANY STRANDS **WOVEN INTO** SKILLED READING Fluent execution WORD RECOGNITION INCREASINGLY AUTOMATIC and coordination of PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS word recognition and text comprehension. (syllables, phonemes, etc.) DECODING (alphabetic principle, spelling-sound correspondences) SIGHT RECOGNITION (of familiar words)

Graphic modeled after the illustration from the *Handbook of Early Literacy Research*, by Susan B. Neuman and David K. Dickinson (2001) who re-envisioned researcher and author Hollis Scarborough's visual metaphor of the Reading Rope.



The Ladder of Reading & Writing





Nancy Young



Some Approaches to Structured Literacy in Our Cluster Schools





























Images retrieved from; University of Canterbury, 2021, IDeaL Learning Approach, 2023; (Little Learners Love Literacy, 2022); Liz Kane Literacy, 2015; Sunshine Online New Zealand, 2023; University of Florida Literacy Institute, 2024.



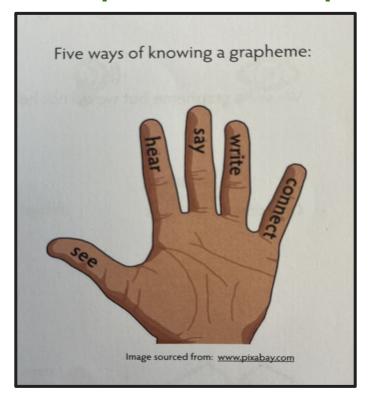


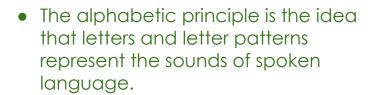
Matching Structured Literacy Terminology to the Definition.





The Alphabetic Principle





- Learning assistants work with ākonga who are learning within different levels of literacy.
- Learning assistants are also working with ākonga who are across a wide age range.
- Our intention is to share strategies and activities that can be adapted across age ranges and learning phases.

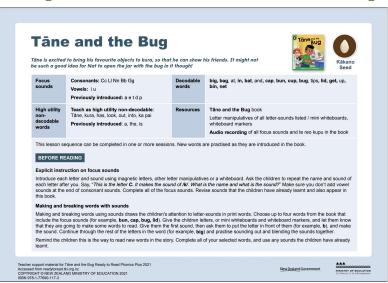




Using a Scope and Sequence (new curriculum S+S)

- The scope is the range of skills introduced.
- The sequence is the order to teach them (the lesson plan).
- Using the Scope and Sequence that aligns with the texts you have the most of makes sense.
- It is important that when you are working with ākonga, you know which part of the scope and sequence they are working within.





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These images are part of the Ministry of Education's Early Literacy Approach.

Left: Part of the Phonics Plus scope

Above: An example of a phonics plus lesson sequence





Older Students Bringing Different Skill Sets

Scope & Sequence At-a-Glance: All Concepts (K-2)

- a /ă/
- m/m/ s /s/ 4.
- t/t/ VC & CVC Words
- p /p/
- 7. f/f/
- i /ī/
- n/n/ CVC Practice (a, i)
- Nasalized A (am, an) 12.
- 13. d/d/
- 14. c/k/ 15. u /ŭ/ g /g/ b /b/
- e /ĕ/ VC & CVC Practice (all)
- 20. -s /s/

17.

- 21. -s /z/ 22. k/k/
- 23. h/h/ 24. r /r/ Part 1 25. r/r/ Part 2
- 26. I/I/ Part 1 27. I /I/ Part 2, al
- 28. w/w/ 29. j/j/
- 30. y/y/ 31. x /ks/
- 32. qu/kw/
- 33. v /v/ 34. z/z/

- 64.
- 67. Closed/Closed 68. Open/Closed

Alphabet Review & Longer Words

- (incl. CVC, CCVC, CVCC, CCVCC, & CCCVC) 35. Short A Review (incl. Nasalized A)
- Short I Review 37. Short O Review
- 38. Short A. I. O Review 39. Short U Review
- 40. Short E Review
- 41. Short Vowels Review (all)

42. FLSZ Spelling Rule (ff. II, ss. zz)

- 43. -all. -oll. -ull 44. ck/k/
- 45. sh/sh/ 46. Voiced th /th/
- 47. Unvoiced th /th/
- ch /ch/ Digraphs Review 1
- wh /w/, ph /f/ 51. ng /n/
- 52. nk/ŋk/ 53. Digraphs Review 2 (incl. CCCVC)

- 54. a_e /ā/ 55. i_e /ī/
- 56. o_e /ō/ 57. VCe Review 1, e e /ē/
- 58. u_e /ū/, /yū/ 59. VCe Review 2 (all) 60. ce /s/
- 62. VCe Review 3, VCe Exceptions

Reading Longer Words

- Closed & Open Syllables

Ending Spelling Patterns

- 69. tch /ch/ 70. dge /i/
- 71. tch /ch/, dge /j/ Review 72. Long VCC (-ild, -old, -ind, -olt, -ost)
- 73. y/ī/ 74. y /ē/
- 75. 76. Ending Patterns Review

R-Controlled Vowels

- 77. ar /ar/
- 78. or, ore /or/ 79. ar /ar/ & or, ore /or/ Review
- 80. er /er/ 81. ir. ur /er/
- 82. Spelling /er/: er. ir. ur. w + or R-Controlled Vowels Review

Long Vowel Teams

84. ai, ay /ā/ 85. ee, ea, ey /ē/ 86. oa, ow, oe /ō/ 87. ie, igh /ī/

88. Vowel Teams Review 1 Other Vowel Teams

- 89. oo, u /oo/ 90. oo /ū/
- 91. ew. ui. ue /ū/ 92. Vowel Teams Review 2 93. au. aw. augh /aw/
- 94. ea /ĕ/, a /ŏ/

Diphthongs

95. oi, oy /oi/ 96. ou, ow /ow/ 97. Vowel Teams & Diphthongs Review

Silent Letters

98. kn/n/, wr/r/, mb/m/

Suffixes & Prefixes

- 99. -s/-es 100. -er/-est 101. -lv 102. -less. -ful 103. un-
- 104. pre-, re-105. dis-106. Affixes Review 1

Suffix Spelling Changes 107. Doubling Rule -ed, -ing 108. Doubling Rule -er, -est 109. Drop -e Rule

110. -y to i Rule

- **Low Frequency Spellings** 111. -ar. -or /er/ 112. air, are, ear /air/
- 113. ear /ear/
- 114. Alternate /ā/ (ei, ey, eigh, aigh, ea) 115. Alternate Long U
- (ew, eu, ue /yū/; ou /ū/) 116. ough /aw/, /ō/ 117. Signal Vowels (c /s/, g /j/) 118. ch /sh/, /k/; gn /n/, gh /g/; silent t

Additional Affixes

- 119. -sion. -tion 120. -ture 121. -er, -or, -ist 122. -ish 123. -y 124. -ness
- 125. -ment 126. -able, -ible
- 127. uni-, bi-, tri 128. Affixes Review 2









Multiple Exposures

Overview

Multiple exposures provide students with multiple opportunities to encounter, engage with, and elaborate on new knowledge and skills.

Research demonstrates deep learning develops over time via multiple, spaced interactions with new knowledge and concepts. This may require spacing practice over several days, and using different activities to vary the interactions learners have with new knowledge.

Differentiation Necessary!





















Key elements

- Students have time to practice what they have learnt
- Timely feedback provides opportunities for immediate correction and improvement

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This is what it looks like...







Y'ALL DO



YOU DO

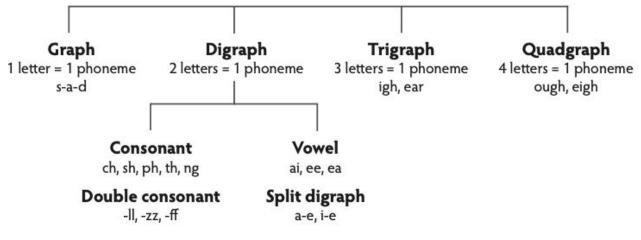






Phoneme Terminology

Phonemes and Graphemes: English is written with an alphabet, where the sounds in a word (**phonemes**) are represented by a letter or group of letters (**grapheme**). A grapheme represents a phoneme and can be a single letter or a group of letters as outlined on the grapheme tree below.







Ensuring Clean/Pure Sounds



Sounds can be seen and felt.

Encourage children to look at your mouth, and notice how their mouth feels.

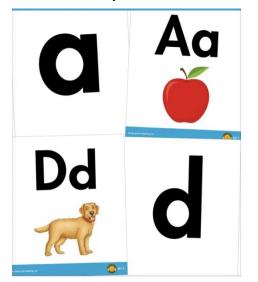




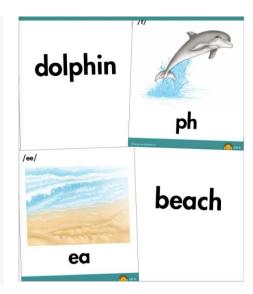


How you Might Review Previous Learning for Consolidation

Sound Pack/Rapid Review









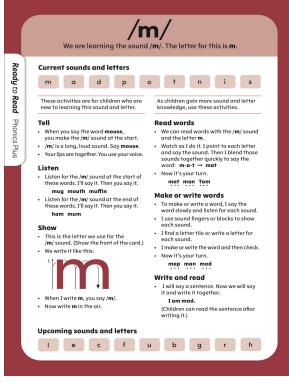


Hearing and Saying Sounds



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-tch

We are learning a spelling pattern for the /ch/ sound at the end of a word. The letters we use for this are tch.

Current sounds and letters

- · When you say the word hatch, you make the /ch/ sound at the end.
- · /ch/ is a short sound. Say hatch.
- · Your tongue is behind your teeth. You do not use your voice.

· Listen for the /ch/ sound at the end of these words. I'll say it. Then you say it. catch itch hutch fetch

- · We have already learnt the /ch/ sound. · When we hear /ch/ after a short vowel
- sound at the end of a one-syllable word, it can be spelt tch. (Show the front of the card.)
- · When I write tch, you say /ch/.

Read words

- · We can read words with the /ch/ sound and the letters tch.
- · Watch as I do it. I point to the letters and say the sounds. Then I blend those sounds together quickly to say the word: m-a-tch → match
- · Now it's your turn. match itch fetch

Make, spell, and write words

- · To make or write a word, I say the word slowly and listen for each sound.
- · I use sound fingers or blocks to show each sound.
- · I find the letter tiles or write the letters for each sound.
- · I make or write the word and then check.
- · Now it's your turn.
- ditch hutch catch

Write and read

· I will say a sentence. Now we will say it and write it together.

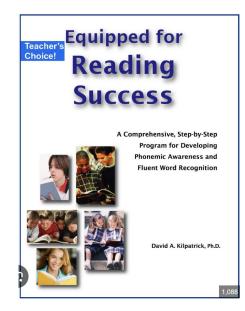
> I can fetch the dish. She wins the match.

My pet is in the hutch.

(Children can read the sentence after writing it.)

David Kilpatrick - One Minute Drills

| Say: (pii Or say: (pind | One Minute Activ | on't me) → | apple apple |
|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Say: (p. baske. | Let's try this routine together! | therry at)ever ant) | berry any ever water |
| (news)pap finger(nail neighbor(t) butter(fly) | d) → neighbor → butter | fire(wood) over(lap) honey(comb) country(side) under(line) | ⇒ butter ⇒ fire ⇒ over ⇒ honey ⇒ country ⇒ under |



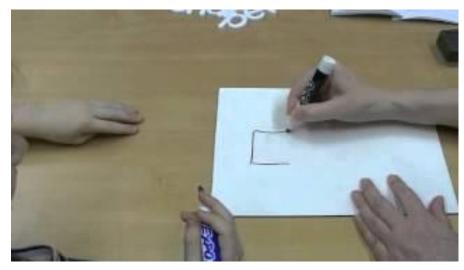




Supporting Blending and Segmenting

USING ELKONIN BOXES

- 1. Say a target word slowly
- 2. Ask the child to repeat the word.
- 3. Draw boxes or use premade elkonin box template.
- Have the child count the number of phonemes in the word.
- Direct the child to slide counter, letter tile or write the letter in each box they repeat the word.
- 6. Repeat for 6-8 examples.



(UFLI, 2015)

Word lists for word building, reading and spelling (Phonic Books, 2022).

Reading Rockets, 2013

Roll and Read

Lesson 79: ar /ar/, or ore /or/ review (2 syllables)

| | • | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| ballpark | party | garden | backyard | morning | forty |
| marvel | artist | junkyard | postcard | target | carpet |
| gargle | report | depart | party | marble | recharge |
| discard | market | farmland | garden | artist | farmland |
| forty | junkyard | backyard | barnyard | report | report |
| northwest | target | ballpark | market | morning | market |





Word Chains

Word Chains

- 1. Place the letters needed for the word chain activity where the ākonga can see them.
- 2. Build the first word in the word chain, e.g., 'mat'.
- 3. Blend/read the word.
- 4. Change to the next word in the chain. Use simple language.
- 5. Identify where the change has occurred (this may require more support for some learners).
- 6. Repeat with the next word (aim for at least 6 words).

is not the focus here. Use letter tiles if handwriting is is not fluent.

"If this says mat show me pat."

Remember - Handwriting



Practice: nip-nap-tap-top-map-sap-sip-tip

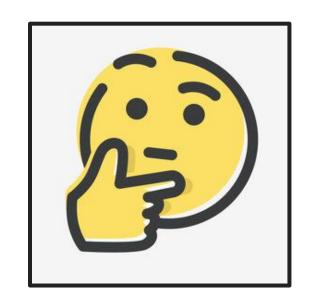
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Reinforcing Spelling Rules (Orthography)

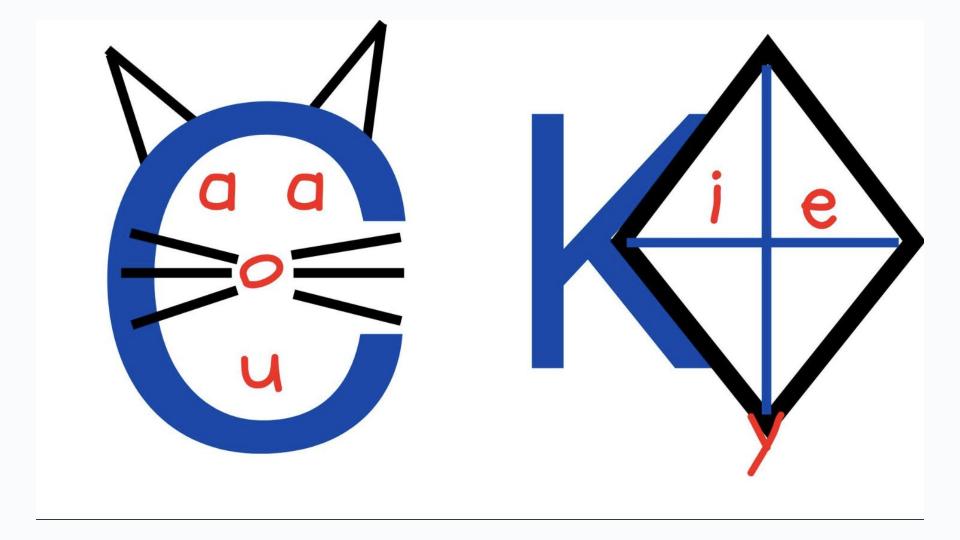
When is it c or k at the beginning of a word?

SO... is that the same with sc or sk?





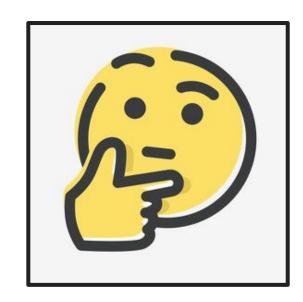






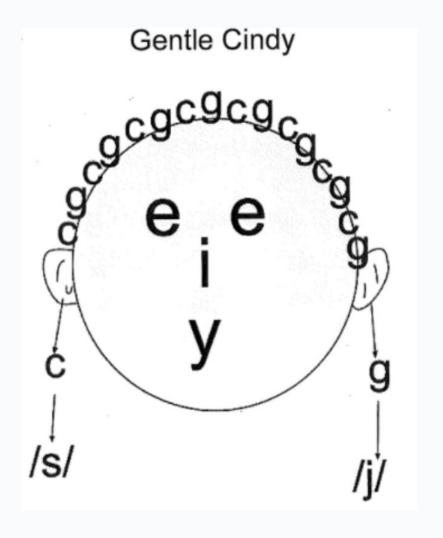
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Gentle Cindy...?





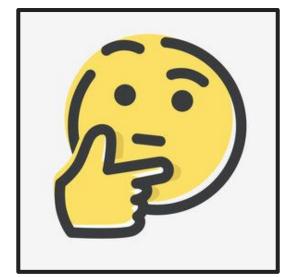






Reinforcing Spelling Rules (Orthography)

Singular to plural for words ending in 'f' or 'e'?









Spelling Rule - Plural of the Words ending in 'f' or 'fe'

Calf

Leaf

Life

Scarf

Knife

Elf

Bank of Spelling Rules





Morphology

Make words out of the following by combining two or more.

| re | geo | earth | tract |
|-----|------|-------|-------|
| bio | port | graph | wood |
| ex | worm | able | ology |

Why is 'ch' pronounced differently?

Anglo-Saxon (old English)

'ch' as in 'chair' or 'chief'

<u>Latin / French (Romance)</u>

 'ch' as in 'champagne' or 'chauffeur' or 'chef' (more of a /sh/ sound)

<u>Greek</u>

 'ch' as in 'chemistry' or 'ache' or 'orchid' (more of a /k/ sound) Often inconsistencies in the links between spelling and pronunciation can be found in word origins and morphology:

'sign' and 'signature'

are linked in meaning and this link has been maintained in spelling even though pronunciation has diverged over time.

Try out this tool: https://childrenofthecode.org/





Supporting Rereading of a Text





- Know the target phoneme or patterns that are being taught.
- In decodable texts, there are often pages at the beginning or end of the text to support this process.
- Explicitly tell ākonga non-decodable words if they do not know them (including kupu Māori).
- If a sentence was difficult, reread to practice fluency.
- How to approach non -decodable high frequency words.

Images retrieved from Phonic Books, 2021



Matt makes a cake in his kitchen. He taps on a pan as he waits for the cake to bake. The pan makes a great drum!

Supporting Dictation

- Provides the opportunity for ākonga to apply skills learned during literacy time.
- While lists for dictation are available, you do not need to have special lists.
- You can use the decodable text the student is reading (ensure that ākonga have the skills to write the sounds) words in the sentence).





The Importance of Handwriting



The Measured Mom
Alphabet Tracing Book

Peterson Handwriting
Prompts





The Importance of Handwriting



The Writing Teacher

12 September 2021 · 🚱



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Fluent handwriting is essential to writing and reading development. In this post I summarise key research findings, and share 5 tips for effective teaching. School leaders, if your team would be interested in some further discussion of the science of writing, follow the link to register for a fun and interactive workshop at which I will be presenting. Go to:

https://www.thewritelesson.com/workshops

See less







Vocabulary Enrichment

Tier 3

Specialist subject specific language

Tier 2

High frequency words that are found across subjects

Tier 1

Common words of everyday speech, familiar to most students

Pig the Winner by Aaron Blabey







Activities to Support - Vocabulary Enrichment

- Provide child-friendly definitions.
- Give an example of the word in context from the story and out of the story context.

Activity: create child friendly definitions for sob and quivering.





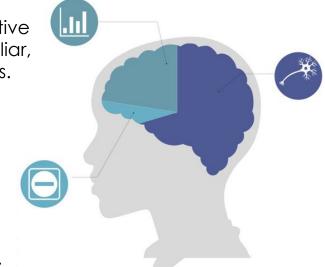




Teaching to Support Cognitive Load

Intrinsic cognitive load: use familiar, safe routines.

Extraneous cognitive load: keep it short, simple and clear.



Germane cognitive load: Deep relevant learning.









Phonics Play Comics







| S P E L D | Workshops | Parents & Families | Free Resources |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Free Resources | | | |
| Our Phonic Books Sounds-Write | | Our Phonic Books Jolly Phonics | |
| Instructional Handbooks | | Teaching resources | |
| Intensive Literacy Pro | ogram | | |

SPELD South Australia has a range of free resources for learners of all ages.

Intensive Literacy Program

This SPELD SA Literacy Program is for older learners wanting to develop or consolidate basic reading, spelling and writing skills.





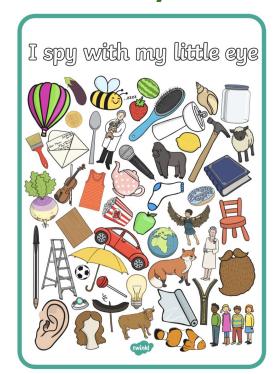


Find something with...

Find something with... ...in

Find something with...











Mrs Siravo's Youtube channel has videos about syllables, spelling rules and decoding that may engage older students.





The Education Hub: Section 5, Small Group Teaching

Rapid review read: using a card pack

A letter pack is used for the sounds the children have previously been taught. By placing a letter card in front of each child, the teacher is able to immediately assess children's progress, recording any difficulties for later re-teaching



(The Education Hub, 2022)





Help Akonga to Read and Spell High Frequency & Sight Words

Explore Our Library of Heart Word Magic Animations Heart Word "You" Heart Word "Who" Heart Word "Where" Heart Word "There" there where you who ₽ X E 53 F 53 YOU Heart Word "Were" Heart Word "Put" Heart Word "They" Heart Word "Here" were tua they here WERE F 53 E 50 F 53

<u>Heart Word Magic - Read and Spell High</u> Frequency Words | Really Great Reading

(Really Great Reading, 2015)





Structured Literacy Approach for Older Students

AWS - Betsy Sewell's resources



Structured literacy and decodable books for older students













(Games, Word Chain for Web, 2024)



Key takeaways from today's workshop.







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